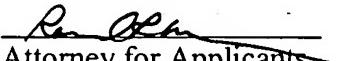


REMARKS

Claims 1- 26 are presented for examination. Claims 3-14 and 21-22 have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies. Claims 27-31 have been cancelled. Favorable consideration of the presently amended claims is respectfully requested.

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